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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

As a native of this state, I believe we now have a great opportunity to develop a wiser course for California's most important natural resource- water. The Bay Delta is one of the treasures of the west and I would like to urge you to develop a plan that would balance the needs of the population of the population yet one that could strengthen the ecosystem, one of great waterways for plants and wildlife.

First, we need a plan that can maximize water efficiency and conservation and base future water needs on realistic assumptions rather than inflated demands. Please base this plan on how we can utilize our great resource in the long run, not one based solely on economic needs of businesses and developers.

Secondly, please support a plan that can go forth with dam removal so we can help increase instream flows of rivers and one that can help restore habitat for fish and wildlife programs. Programs such as removal of dams at Centreville, Englebright Dam and the McCormick Saeitzer Dam would be a good start.

Thirdly, please do not support a program that would further raise dams, such as Shasta Dam, or development of offstream storage reservoirs. These reservoirs tend to flood ecosystems and severely damage wildlife.

Finally, we need to improve the quality of our water, especially so our children can have a safe, drinkable water system yet still have an environment that is safe from pollution and encroachment so they may enjoy beauty of this great state that our forebearers and ourselves have enjoyed.

Mr. Breitenbach, thank you very much for your time. I know you will look out for the interests of this wonderful place that we live. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Yours most cordially,



Jon T. Finley